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The Honorable William VanRegenmorter
Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee
N 1093 House Office Building
124 N. Capitol
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: House Bill No. 6403

Dear Representative VanRegenmorter:

I am writing to express my support for House Bill No. 6403. As a prosecutor in this state for over 13 years, I feel that this is an important issue that needs to be addressed by our legislature. This statutory proposal would provide an important measure of protection for the children in our communities. It clearly allows a court to issue a protective order under circumstances where high-risk individuals may be attempting to establish contact with children at easily targeted locations. Although I would personally like to see the language of the proposal extended to all individuals that have committed a sex offense against a minor, and not restricted to sex offenders that committed acts on or near school property or while a child was enroute to school, I remain in strong support of the concept of this proposal.

I firmly believe that this will enhance the ability of school officials and law enforcement to jointly ensure the safety and protection of our children. We have already experienced a situation in our community where this became an issue, and our Family Court Judge, The Honorable Thomas D. Slagle, had the courage and the fortitude to issue a personal protection order against the individual in an effort to safeguard our students. However, there is a legitimate question as to whether or not our Court had the legal ability to issue that order under the current law. Our judges and law enforcement officials should be able to take swift and certain action when it comes to protecting our children and this proposal is yet another step in the right direction of achieving this beneficial goal.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this letter. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (906) 774-1294.

Sincerely,

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